

# PAIGE GETS HIGHER JOB IN N. Y. COURT

## First Negro To Sit In Special Court Session

NEW YORK (ANP)—Myles A. Paige, New York's first Negro magistrate, has been elevated to the court of special sessions effective Jan. 1 and is the first member of his race to sit in any part of special sessions in this city.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Mayor La Guardia during an address of welcome Wednesday at the Harlem YMCA where the Omega Psi Phi fraternity is holding its 28th annual convocation attended by 150 delegates from 37 states.

Magistrate Paige succeeds Justice A. V. B. Voorhees who retired when his term ended at the close of the year. The appointment is for the regular term of 10 years and as a justice Mr. Paige will receive an increase in annual salary from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

A star football player at Howard University in 1920, the new justice later worked as a Pullman porter while studying law at Columbia. He served as magistrate for more than three years, being appointed to that position in 1934. Justice Paige is 41, married, father of two children, and was admitted to the New York bar in 1925. He was once a deputy attorney general in charge of the workmen's compensation division.

There is one other Negro connected with special sessions court Mrs. Eunice H. Carter, who was appointed by District Attorney Dewey an assistant district attorney, in special sessions. Justice Paige was praised by Chief Justice William R. Bayes of the special sessions court, although he stated he had no previous knowledge of the mayor's decision.

"Speaking for myself, Magistrate Myles A. Paige has sat here for brief assignments on several occasions and I have a very high opinion of him," he said. "He has a very fine character and has fine ability. He will make an excellent judge. We will welcome him to the bench."

At the Omega meeting, Mayor La Guardia was introduced by Richard E. Carey, a former assistant district attorney and fraternity member, who described the mayor as "a champion of human rights." Mr. La Guardia in his talk said he did not consider the situation of Negroes a problem that should have any different consideration than any other racial situation.

"I have not and will not appoint any one just because he is a Negro," he said. "That won't help the group. Every appointment I've made I'll stand by, because it was made on merit, and that reflects to the benefit of the group."

The speaker also said he had just left a conference on dependent Negro children and because the city could not find enough foster homes he would appeal to Harlem ministers to encourage an interest in such children. The mayor also urged that the race marshal its best thought and leadership since the time had passed when any group could be satisfied with "happy epigrams and laudatory statements."

In addition to the appointment of Mr. Paige first as magistrate and then as justice, Mayor La Guardia last year also named a woman, Miss Jane Bolin, to the domestic relations court as judge. Miss Bolin, now serving, is the first Negro woman in the nation to be elevated to the bench.

## White Church Eulogizes Negro College Janitor

MACON, Ga. (ANP) — Leo Battle, for more than 40 years a janitor at Mercer University (white, Baptist) here and beloved alike by faculty and students, was eulogized in death last Thursday, when President Spright Dowell delivered his annual report to the board of trustees.

"Dr." Leo Battle, was the aged janitor's official campus title and of him Dr. Powell said: "More alumni have known and loved him perhaps than a n y other member of our institutional family and nobody ever felt other than kindly and affectionately of him."

"In token of the esteem in which he was held, it was arranged for his body to lie in state in this room (trustees' room), last Sunday morning, after which funeral services were held in the Baptist Church of which he was a member."

"The Blue Key Fraternity served as a guard and escort of honor and six members bore the casket from the hearse to this room and back again. Scores of admiring friends, faculty members, students, alumni, trustees and citizens came to do him honor."

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talked to Forrestville grads. Other pupils in the photograph, left to right, are Richard Turner, Robert Sherman, Mildred Davis, Rosemary Rudd, Mary Young and "C. Dowdy. Standing in the rear are John L. Carter, school principal and Mrs. James Lowell Hall, Delora's teacher. (ANP)

## Puts Olson On Spot When Kenny Ignored

LOS ANGELES, (A N P) — While Kenny Washington was preparing to go professional in a game at Gilmore field Sunday, labor unions, student organizations and public figures renewed their criticism of the committee and the coaches responsible for barring the great all-American from the East-West football game in San Francisco on New Year's Day.

Forthright in his denunciation of the injustice was Lieut. Governor Ellis E. Patterson who in a letter to the Sentinel, a local weekly that failure to name Washington was "not the sentiment of the majority of the people." Such prejudice as labor unions, student organizations and public figures renewed their criticism of the committee and the coaches responsible for barring the great all-American from the East-West football game in San Francisco on New Year's Day.

Less direct and a little evasive was Governor Culbert L. Olson who in response to an appeal for his aid by the Sentinel hedged by saying through his son and secretary, Richard Olson, that he lacked all of the facts and that he had been advised that "Kenny Washington probably would not have accepted" because of a desire to play collegiate baseball this spring. This statement by the governor is at odds with the fact that Washington declared openly before the invitation was denied him that he would "not play collegiate baseball."

While the governor's secretary did say that "the reaction of the governor to the failure to appoint Kenny Washington as one to participate in the East-West football game was that the outstanding football player on the Pacific Coast had been eliminated," he claimed that the fact that the two coaches, Babe Hollinberry and Percy Lacey, reside out of the state prevented the governor from criticizing the committee for its action.

In conclusion the governor's secretary said he did not feel that he could "honestly question the motives of the committee, but invites presentation of additional facts before passing judgment upon the committee's action."

Far less doubtful that the committee making the selection deserved criticism were thousands of fans and sports writers everywhere as well as the student council at UCLA, the Maritime Federation of the Pacific and various student organizations who branded the failure to name Washington as a disgrace and a travesty on fair play and good sportsmanship.

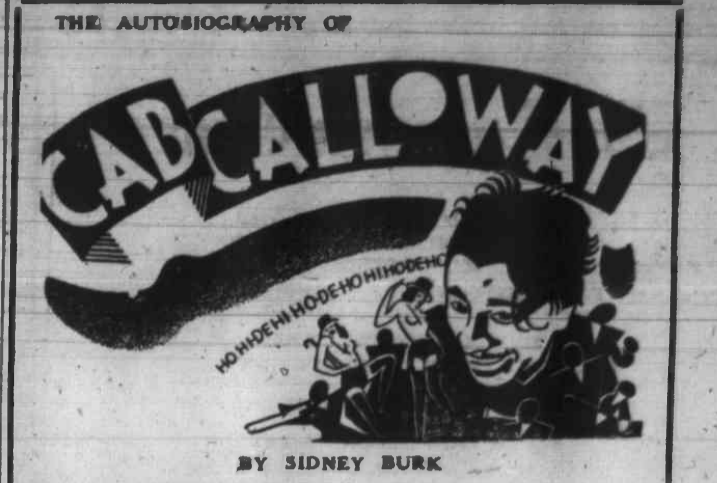
## Young Named On Virginia Honor Roll

RICHMOND, Va. — Eleven persons who have "reflected credit upon the state of Virginia" and have done their jobs "superlatively well," were named Sunday on the 3rd annual Virginia Honor Roll of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, out standing daily newspaper and among the twelve was one Negro, P. B. Young, Sr., editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide.

The others chosen were: John D. Rockefeller, Jr., restorer of colonial Williamsburg; Homer L. Ferguson, shipyard executive; T. Coleman Andrews, Richmond comptroller; Alexander W. Weddell, ambassador to Spain; David Pender, Norfolk businessman and civic leader; Dr. William T. Sanger, for 15 years president of the Medical College of Virginia; Rabbi Edward N. Calisch, brilliant and beloved churchman; Dr. Orle Latha Hatcher, founder and president of the Alliance for Guidance of Racial Youth; Robert Porterfield, director of the unique Barter Theater of Abingdon, Va. and Dr. Carl Caskey Spedel, discoverer of a new use for metrazol in treating nerves.

In presenting the honor roll, the Times-Dispatch said: "This newspaper salutes at the end of each year a limited number of persons who have reflected credit upon the state through the display of courage, ability, intelligence, tenacity, generosity, or unselfishness."

Continuing, the general citation said: "Citizens in every sphere of activity are considered eligible for inclusion, provided that they have been pre-eminent in that sphere. It should be stressed that pre-eminence does not necessarily connote state wide prominence. The Times-Dispatch makes it a practice to hail the achievements of those whose theater of action is comparatively limited, provided their achievements are inherently worthwhile. "It is important to bear in mind, however, that a place on the Times-Dispatch Virginia Honor Roll is a privilege and a name Washington as a disgrace and a travesty on fair play and good sportsmanship. Please turn to page six



As writer of this column I wish to say that Cab Calloway is my favorite entertainer and orchestra leader. Please understand that I said ORCHESTRA LEADER. I consider CAB as the second best entertainer in America to, placing Bill "Bojangles" Robinson first. Calloway is truly a great entertainer and showman. Oh boy what a showman he is, he had to be good to last as long as he has and still stand out among the TOP in the rank of NAME orchestras.

They named him Cabell, which was the given name of his father, and also of his paternal grandfather. So he was Cabell Calloway III, developing within the space of a remarkably few number of years into Cab Calloway, his he de highness of the de ho. Cab was the second of a family that now number six children, three boys and three girls. Blanche, the eldest, is his doll and has been a motivating influence in his professional career. The six children in the order of their birth are Blanche, Cab, Bernice, Elmer, John and Camilla. Blanche made an individual reputation as an entertainer and band leader. Bernice is a doctor now practicing in Chicago.

I wish to point out also that CAB CALLOWAY'S ORCHESTRA is far a different orchestra from the one he had several seasons ago. The band still carry most of the same members that it began with but oh how each of them has improved. Then there is CAB who has improved also, the same showman, but a better musician and singer. He is truly great, you should listen to his broadcast when ever you get the chance.

The family left Rochester while Cabell was a boy and moved to Baltimore, where he received his preliminary education in the public schools and was graduated from the Douglas High School. There, too, he learned about life by selling newspaper on the street corners. At the age of sixteen he had become a waiter in the restaurant on the Century theatre roof and was singing in the choir of the Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church. Calloway's parents wanted him to be come a lawyer, his father's occupation. When his family home was transferred to Chicago, Cabell began to equip himself for a law course at Crane College there.

It was necessary for him to support himself so he joined his father's occupation. Please turn to page six

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